



# News Release



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## Refuge Trapping Tags Now Available

District Manager Ed Britton has announced that the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Savanna District will be open to furbearer trapping during the 2006-2007 season. Persons wishing to trap Refuge lands must have a Federal permit and trap tags. The permit and a string of 40 tags will be issued for a fee of \$20.00.

Trapping permits and tags can be picked up at the District Office, for those wishing to trap Pools 12, 13, and 14 of the Mississippi River. The office is located at 7071 Riverview Road, Thomson, IL. Tags will not be mailed. Cash, personal check, or postal money orders will be acceptable. Trappers must present a State trapping license before a permit will be issued.

Trapping season opens at 8:00 a.m., November 4 on the Iowa portion of the Refuge. Trapping will be closed within the Pleasant Creek Closed Area, south of Bellevue, IA and within Elk River Closed Area, south of Sabula, IA until 8:00 a.m., December 8, the day following the close of Iowa's duck hunting season.

Trapping season opens at sunrise, November 5 on the Illinois's portion of the Refuge. Trapping will not be permitted within the Spring Lake Closed Area, south of Savanna, IL until sunrise, December 20, the day following the close of Illinois's duck hunting season.

Trappers are reminded that they must comply with all State game laws and regulations in addition to Refuge regulations. The use of exposed flesh or carcass baits, including fish, is prohibited on the Refuge in order to protect bald eagles and other birds of prey. Trappers may not mark or stake trap sites, animal runs, paths, or chop holes in the ice for trap sets in advance of the applicable season. For additional information, contact the District Office at (815) 273-2732.

Established in 1924, the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge is the most visited refuge in the United States. The refuge extends 261 miles along the Upper Mississippi River from Wabasha, Minn. to Rock Island, Ill., and protects and preserves habitat for migratory birds, fish, and a variety of other wildlife. This 242,400 acre refuge extends through Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois and is a component of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Headquartered in Winona, Minn., the refuge is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with district offices in Winona, Minn., La Crosse, Wis., McGregor, Iowa, and Savanna, Ill.